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In re Application of: Jeppesen et al.

Application No.: 09/995,137

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Filed: November 27, 2001

Examiner: Truong, Tamthom Ngo

For: Tricyclic Compounds as Nuclear Receptor Modulators

AMENDMENT/ RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
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Sir:

This amendment is submitted in response to the final Office Action on the merits mailed June 25, 2003, having a shortened statutory period for reply set to expire September 25, 2003, subject to extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR §1.136(a).

Claims numbered 1, 2, 7, 16, 18, 23, 24, 26-33, 36, 43, 44, and 50-55 are pending in the application. Claims numbered 1, 2, 7, 16, 18, 23, 24, 26-33, 36, 43, 44, and 50-55 have been rejected by the Examiner.

Applicant believes no fee is necessary to timely file this paper. However, should any petition or fee be required for timely filing of this amendment/response, Applicant hereby petitions for such Extension of Time and hereby grants authorization to charge Deposit Account No. 14-1447, in the name of Novo Nordisk Pharmaceuticals, Inc., for any such required fee.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121, Applicant submits a complete listing of all of the claims ever presented for this pending application, with current amendments noted.

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The Examiner is hereby invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if there are any questions concerning this amendment or application. Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,



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